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LAKHOTKIN et al.)
Serial No.: 09/913,324) Examiner: Turner, A.
Filed: August 10, 2001)
Atty. File No.: 7095HL-1)
For: "TUNGSTEN CARBIDE COATING
AND METHOD FOR ITS
PRODUCTION")
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the conversation with Examiner Turner, enclosed please find a copy of the First Preliminary Amendment that was filed by a certificate of mailing on August 10, 2001 (23 pages).

It is believed that this First Preliminary Amendment will address the Examiner's concerns regarding multiple dependent claims, and any other issues that the Examiner may observe with respect to the claims.

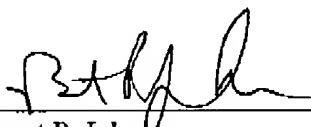
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The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned if there are any other issues regarding the application.

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Fees for this Preliminary Amendment are calculated and included with the Transmittal Letter accompanying this Amendment. Please charge any underpayment or debit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

On Page 7, Table 1, Column 4, line 1 please delete "Tungsten" and insert - Tungsten - as follows:

Table 1

| No. | Composition | Propane activation temperature, °C | Propane to hydrogen ratio | Tungsten hexafluoride to hydrogen ratio |
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